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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 27-37 without prejudice or disclosure. In addition, please add new claims 38-46 as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 38-46 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 28-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The new claims have been written to overcome this rejection.

Claims 27-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,911,716 to Blom et al. In addition, claims 27-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.